



# FOOD SCOOP

“A Michigan Food & Nutrition Program Edition”

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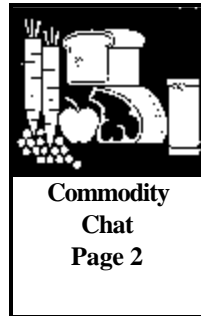
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### NEED ASSISTANCE CALL:

School Meals Program	(517) 373-3347
Food Distribution	(517) 373-8642
Fiscal Reporting	(517) 373-0420
Child & Adult Care Food Program	(517) 373-7391
Fax Number	(517) 373-4022



## Regulatory Issues

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### Year End Report Workshops

This year the Year End Report for the School Meal Program (SM-4012-A) will be completed and submitted online via the Michigan Education Information System (MEIS). The site is scheduled to go live June 22, 2004.

To introduce you to the new process for submitting and certifying your Year End Report online, the Michigan Department of Education will be conducting technical assistance workshops via a video teleconference broadcast. Two dates have been scheduled, May 4 and May 6, 2004 with various locations and times available. Registration to attend the training is required. You can register at the following web site: [www.tcombridge.org/events/MDE](http://www.tcombridge.org/events/MDE) after April 1, 2004. Simply click on "School Meals Year End Report Online", find the training location and time you would prefer to attend and click on "Register Here". Fill out the registration form.

You are strongly encouraged to download the Year End Report Training Presentation, Worksheet Instructions for Completing the Year End Report (SM-4012-A) and Online Instructions for Submitting the Year End Report prior to the training session. This information can be downloaded after April 1, 2004 at the following web site: [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde), click on "Programs and Offices", click on "School Support

Services", and go to "What's New".

The Year End Report form, instructions and related topics information **will not be mailed this year.** You will need to download this information from the School Support Services web site.

If you have questions, please contact Renee Cratty at 517-373-8642



## Commodity Chat

Although the bonus pudding has become a familiar item on your commodity order guides, the ones listed below are packed in a different size (3.25 oz instead of 3.5 oz) which requires new code numbers on the order guide and commodity value listing.

**#823 Pudding cnd – Chocolate & Vanilla 48/3.25 oz.**

**#825 Pudding cnd – Vanilla 48/3.25 oz.**

**#824 Pudding cnd – Chocolate 48/3.2 oz.**

Dried cherries is a bonus item which has experienced some delays in shipping. Muffin Town will be receiving the dried cherries to produce muffins in April. Hopefully, they will be shipped to the warehouses for the schools to order in May. If you are providing summer feeding programs, you will find them on the list of available commodities.

**#826 Muffins, cherry with dried cherries 96/2 oz.**

## **FARM TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

During the week of April 5, 2004, all Food Service Directors will receive a survey related to fruit and vegetable consumption. This survey, sponsored by the Farm To School Task Force, will assist the Task Force as we move forward with plans to link local farmers and local school districts. It is estimated that the survey will take approximately twenty to thirty minutes to complete. The survey will also include a self addressed, stamped envelope for your use. Please help our Task Force – your input is important if we are to have a successful Farm To School program in the state of Michigan.

## **IRRADIATION QUESTIONS?????**

Do you have questions about irradiated foods? Are you still trying to decide if you would order USDA commodity irradiated ground beef for your school district? What kinds of questions do you need answered to be able to talk with your community and/or local board of education? The Michigan Food Irradiation Task Force Members will be available to answer your questions and listen to your concerns during two upcoming conferences. Look for us in the Education Room at the annual MSFSA conference on Friday April 16, and Saturday April 17. In addition, we will be at the MSBO conference Wednesday April 28 from 2 to 5 pm and Thursday April 29 from 11 to 2 in the Exhibit Hall – booth 618.

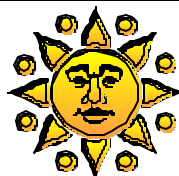
## **ORANGE JUICE CARTONS WITH PRODUCTION DATE**

There has been an issue that has been clarified by the producer of the commodity orange juice

cartons (item code #784) on Northern warehouse order guide and (item code #2357) on TLC order guide. The letter attached to this Food Scoop is a copy of the one included in the April Newsletter from Northern Food Service. TLC warehouse sent out a fax or mailed a copy to their accounts on March 29, 2004 and will refer to the letter with information in their May newsletter.

According to Commodity Specifications, FV-215-CS1, “containers must be suitably code-marked so that the product can be identified with related inspection certificates. Suitable code marks for USDA purchases must represent the date of pack unless otherwise specified.” Although this is different from the “use by” dates students are accustomed to checking on the milk cartons, it would be a good idea to post the letter which refers to the production date requirements for the orange juice cartons in your cafeterias.

Remember also, to keep the juice frozen until ready to use and it can be refrigerated up to 21 days.



**Food For Thought**

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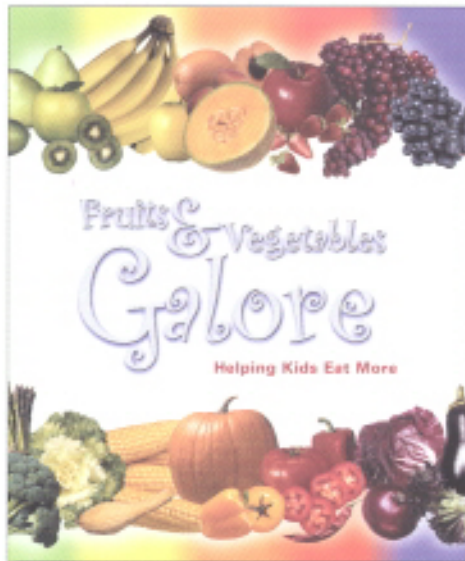
## **FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GALORE**

New from USDA Team Nutrition...*Fruits and Vegetables Galore – Helping Kids Eat More.* This new resource is a tool for school foodservice professionals packed with tips on planning, purchasing, protecting, preparing, presenting, and promoting fruit and vegetables. Every School Food Authority (SFA) in the state is receiving one copy automatically. SFAs should order copies of the publication for all their schools. The order form is

included in the resource and attached to this issue of Food Scoop.

<p><b>April 2004</b></p> <p><b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM</b></p>	<p>Michigan State Board of Education <i>Kathleen N. Straus, President</i> <i>Sharon L. Gire, Vice President</i> <i>Michael David Warren Jr., Secretary</i> <i>Eileen L. Weiser, Treasurer</i> <i>Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate</i> <i>John C. Austin</i> <i>Herbert S. Moyer</i> <i>Sharon Wise</i> <i>Thomas D. Watkins, Superintendent</i> <i>Governor Jennifer Granholm, Ex-Officio</i></p>
April, 2004	
10	March Monthly Claim Due
16-18	MSFSA Conference
29	February Monthly Claim Deadline
May, 2004	
10	April Monthly Claim Due
30	April Monthly Claim Deadline

# ORDER NOW!



## **Fruits & Vegetables Galore: Helping Kids Eat More**

Quantity (One per School)

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Name (Print or Type)

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School District Name

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Shipping Address (We do not ship to PO Boxes)

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City

State

Zip Code

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Phone

Send or Fax  
Your order to:

Team Nutrition  
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 632  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
Phone: (703) 305-1624  
Fax: (703) 305-2549





March 24, 2004

To our Valued Customers:

This letter explains the shelf life of the **Portion Fruit Juices** produced by Country Pure Foods. Portion juices are single serve units ranging in volume from 3 fl. oz. to 8 fl. oz. They have a shelf life of one year stored frozen at 5 degrees F or lower. Fruit Juices should be thawed and stored under refrigeration (34 degrees F to 38 degrees F). All juices are good for 21 days from the start of thawing when they are stored under refrigeration.

The USDA ECO OJ is coded with the production date on the gable top. As stated above, this product is good for one year frozen, 21 days refrigerated.

Thank you for choosing the quality products of Country Pure Foods.